

1 **CLAIMS:**

2 1. A method of forming a conductive line comprising the  
3 following steps:

4 forming a polysilicon layer;

5 forming a silicide layer against the polysilicon layer;

6 providing a conductivity-enhancing impurity within the silicide layer;

7 and

8 providing the polysilicon layer and the silicide layer into a  
9 conductive line shape.  
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11 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the silicide comprises a  
12 metal selected from the group consisting of tungsten, titanium,  
13 molybdenum and cobalt.  
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15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the steps of forming the  
16 silicide layer and providing the conductivity-enhancing dopant therein  
17 together comprise:

18 depositing a metal together with the conductivity-enhancing impurity  
19 on the polysilicon layer; and

20 reacting the metal with the polysilicon to form the silicide layer  
21 having the conductivity-enhancing impurity therein.  
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1           4.     The method of claim 1 wherein,  
2           the step of forming the silicide layer comprises chemical vapor  
3     depositing silicide on the polysilicon layer; and

4           the step of providing the conductivity enhancing impurity comprises  
5     chemical vapor depositing the conductivity-enhancing impurity *in situ* with  
6     the chemical vapor depositing of the silicide.

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8           5.     The method of claim 1 wherein,  
9           the step of forming the silicide layer comprises chemical vapor  
10    depositing a tungsten-comprising silicide on the polysilicon;

11          the step of providing the conductivity-enhancing impurity comprises  
12    chemical vapor depositing the conductivity-enhancing impurity *in situ* with  
13    the chemical vapor depositing of the tungsten-comprising silicide; and

14          the conductivity-enhancing impurity comprises a group III or a  
15    group V element.

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17          6.     The method of claim 5 wherein the step of chemical vapor  
18    depositing the conductivity-enhancing impurity comprises utilizing a  
19    precursor compound selected from the group consisting of  $\text{PH}_3$ ,  $\text{AsH}_3$ ,  
20    and diborane.

1           7.     The method of claim 1 wherein the conductivity-enhancing  
2 impurity is provided to a concentration of at least  
3 about  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup> within the silicide layer.  
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5           8.     The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming the  
6 silicide layer and the step of doping the silicide layer together comprise:

7                 providing a target comprising a metal, silicon and the conductivity-  
8 enhancing impurity; and

9                 sputtering of the target to form the silicide layer and the  
10 conductivity-enhancing impurity within the silicide layer, the silicide layer  
11 comprising the metal.  
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13           9.     The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing the  
14 conductivity-enhancing impurity comprises:

15                 ion implanting the conductivity-enhancing impurity into the silicide  
16 layer after forming the silicide layer.  
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18           10.    The method of claim 1 wherein the polysilicon layer is doped  
19 with the conductivity-enhancing impurity, and wherein the step of  
20 providing the conductivity-enhancing impurity comprises:

21                 out-diffusing the conductivity-enhancing impurity from the doped  
22 polysilicon layer into the silicide layer.  
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1           11. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing the  
2 conductivity-enhancing impurity comprises:

3           gas phase chemical doping of the silicide layer.  
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5           12. The method of claim 1 wherein the conductive line is a  
6 wordline.  
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8           13. A method of lowering the resistivity of a metal-silicide layer  
9 comprising doping the metal-silicide layer with a Group III dopant or a  
10 Group V dopant.  
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12           14. The method of claim 13 wherein the dopant is provided to  
13 a concentration within the metal-silicide layer of at least  
14 about  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>.  
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1           15. A method of forming a conductive line comprising the  
2 following steps:

3           forming a polysilicon layer;

4           forming a silicide layer against the layer of polysilicon;

5           providing a conductivity-enhancing impurity within the silicide layer;

6 and

7           after providing the conductivity-enhancing impurity within the  
8 silicide layer, subjecting the silicide layer to a processing step of over  
9 850°C for at least 10 seconds.  
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11           16. The method of claim 15 wherein the forming the silicide  
12 layer comprises depositing a metal layer over the polysilicon and reacting  
13 the metal layer with the polysilicon, and wherein the conductivity-  
14 enhancing impurity is provided within the metal layer prior to the  
15 reacting the metal layer with the polysilicon.  
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17           17. The method of claim 15 wherein the forming the silicide  
18 layer comprises depositing a metal layer over the polysilicon and reacting  
19 the metal layer with the polysilicon, and wherein the conductivity-  
20 enhancing impurity is provided within the metal layer after the reacting  
21 the metal layer with the polysilicon.  
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1           18. The method of claim 15 wherein the conductivity-enhancing  
2 impurity is implanted into the silicide layer.

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4           19. The method of claim 15 wherein the conductivity-enhancing  
5 impurity is provided to a concentration within the silicide layer of at  
6 least about  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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8           20. A method of forming a conductive line comprising the  
9 following steps:

10           forming a polysilicon layer;

11           forming a silicide layer against the layer of polysilicon;

12           providing a conductivity-enhancing impurity within the silicide layer;

13           and

14           subjecting the silicide layer to a processing step of over 850°C for  
15 at least 10 seconds while exposing the silicide layer to an oxygen-  
16 comprising atmosphere.

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18           21. A conductive line comprising:

19           a polysilicon layer; and

20           a metal-silicide layer against the layer of polysilicon, the metal-  
21 silicide layer comprising a Group III dopant or a Group V dopant.

1           22. The conductive line of claim 21 wherein the metal-silicide  
2 layer comprises a concentration of the dopant of at least  
3 about  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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5           23. A metal-silicide layer comprising a Group III dopant or a  
6 Group V dopant.

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8           24. The metal-silicide of claim 23 comprising a concentration of  
9 the dopant of at least about  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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11          25. A programmable-read-only-memory device comprising:  
12 a first dielectric layer over a substrate;  
13 a floating gate over the first dielectric layer;  
14 a second dielectric layer over the floating gate;  
15 a conductive line over the second dielectric layer; and  
16 a metal-silicide layer over the conductive line, the metal-silicide  
17 layer comprising a Group III dopant or a Group V dopant.

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19          26. The programmable-read-only-memory device of claim 25  
20 wherein the device is an EPROM.

1           27.   The programmable-read-only-memory device of claim 25  
2 wherein the device is an EEPROM.

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4           28.   The programmable-read-only-memory device of claim 25  
5 wherein the metal-silicide layer comprises a concentration of the dopant  
6 of at least about  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>.